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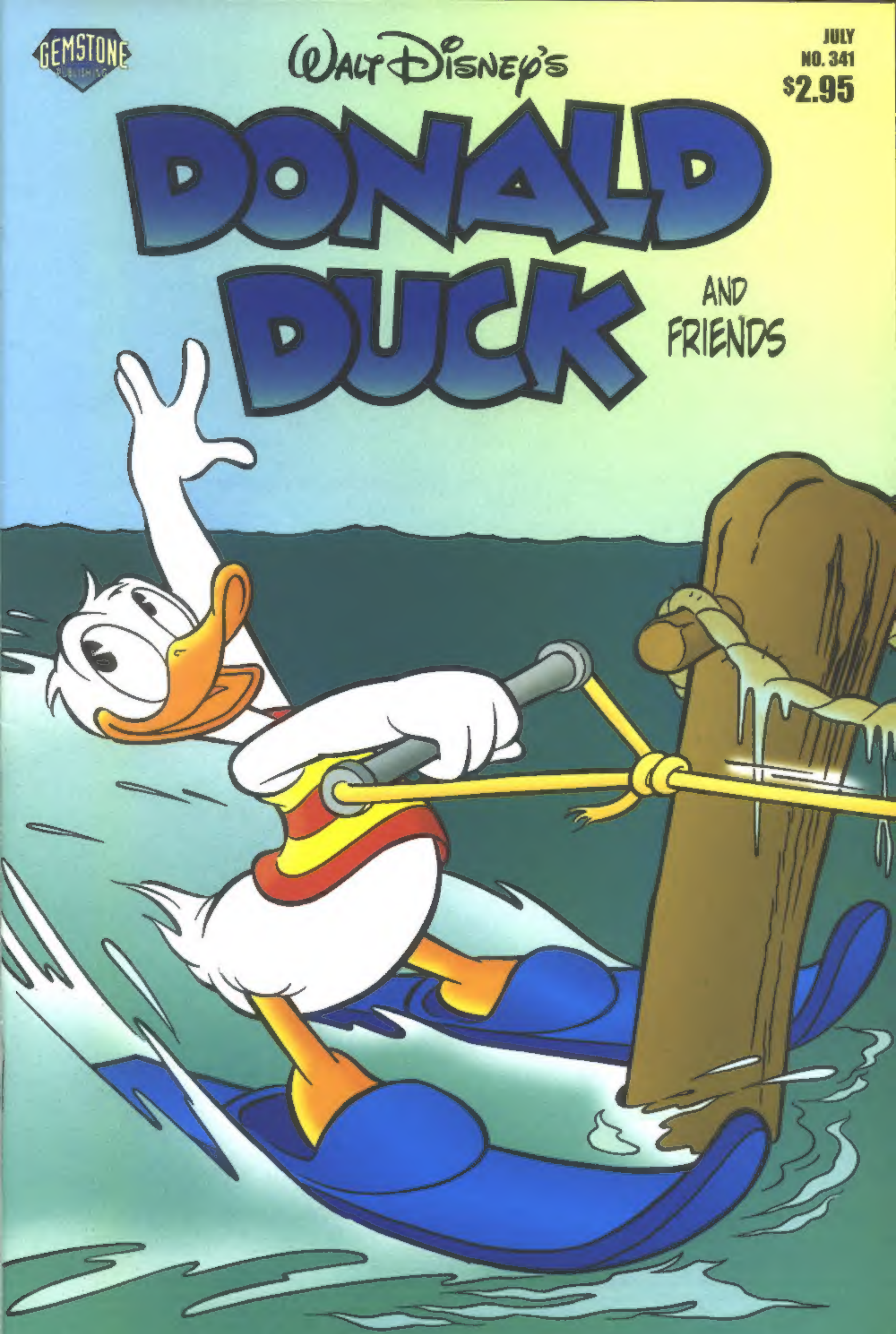

DONALD DUCK AND FRIENDS

Sometimes a new entertainment trend begins in such a casual manner that you barely notice it. That's the case with this issue's "Farragut the Falcon"—one of the first two Carl Barks Duck adventures to "cross the pond" to Europe. But what a transformation these tales made during the crossing!

The dates were Septembers in 1945 and 1946. The place was Britain's *Mickey Mouse Annual,* Dean and Son's hardback omnibus. Instead of presenting the comics as comics, though, the *Annual* presented them as stories; retold in prose, that is. First came "The Mad Chemist" (*WDC&S* 44, 1944), renamed "The Crazy Chemist" (*MMA* 16, 1945); "Farragut" followed one year later. Not a lot of that Barksian flavor made the transition to the old country. Even Farragut's name was changed:

"Bless my feathers!" ejaculated Don. "It's alive... and... let me see... this ticket round its neck says that its name is Hafoc!"

The Three Nephews surveyed the new arrival with awe.

"I know all about hawks... have seen 'em on the movies, and read about 'em in books. I'll show you what to do with him." Then he stretched out his strong right arm towards the Feathered Freak, and murmured in the cooing voice he usually keeps for the fishmonger when he wants to get something special: "Come here, Hafoc, old fellow, come to nunky!"

An inauspicious start this might have been, but the Brits reprinted actual Barks stories shortly after, this time with more fidelity to the originals. Italy followed suit in 1947, bringing Barks' "Salesman Donald" (*WDC&S* 39, 1943) to the pages of *Albi D'Oro.* From there, the Duck Man was set to become a major influence on generations of comics fans and creators—as any visitor to mainland Europe can see today.

And to think it started with a mad chemist and a falcon named Hafoc... er, we mean Farragut.

— David Gerstein

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Donald Duck

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UNCA' DONALD, THE EXPRESSMAN JUST LEFT A BIG BOX AT THE FRONT DOOR!

THIS IS A SURPRISE! LET'S TAKE IT INSIDE AND OPEN IT!

IT'S FROM UNCLE EIDER DUCK! MUST BE A PRESENT OF SOME KIND!

A FALCON! I'LL BE DOGGONED! AND IT'S ALIVE! WOW!

THIS CARD SAYS HIS NAME IS FARRAGUT! WHY IS HE WEARING A HOOD, UNCA' DONALD?

THAT'S TO KEEP THE SUN OUT OF HIS EYES! I KNOW ALL ABOUT FALCONS — I SAW ONE IN A MOVIE ONCE!

WANTA TAKE A RIDE, FARRAGUT? WAIT, UNCA' DONALD, IT SAYS ON THE CARD TO WEAR THIS GLOVE WHEN HOLDING THE FALCON!

PHOOEY ON GLOVES! I'LL SHOW YOU KIDS HOW TO TAKE A HAWK TO THE FIST! HOP UP HERE, FARRAGUT, OLD FELLOW!

YOU'RE GONNA NEED

THIS GLOVE, UNCA' DONALD!

HIS CLAWS ARE SHARP!

OW!

I CAN'T LOOK! HAVE I ANY ARM LEFT BELOW THE ELBOW?

IF YOU'LL PUT ON THIS GLOVE,

FARRAGUT

CAN'T HURT YOU!

With the aid of the glove Donald finally gets the falcon onto his fist!

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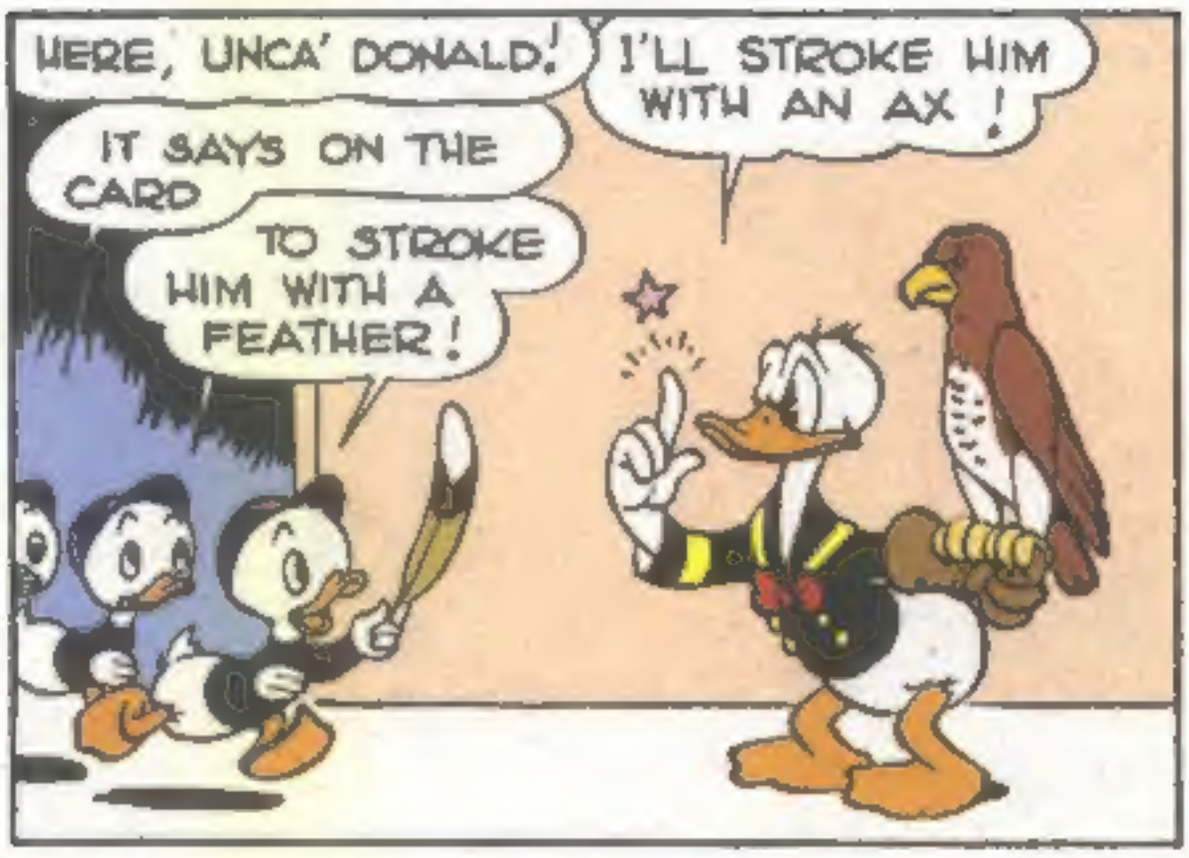
NOW I'LL TAKE HIS HOOD OFF AND SEE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!

LOOKOUT, UNCA' DONALD!

HE'LL EXPECT YOU TO HAVE A PIECE OF MEAT IN YOUR HAND!

OW!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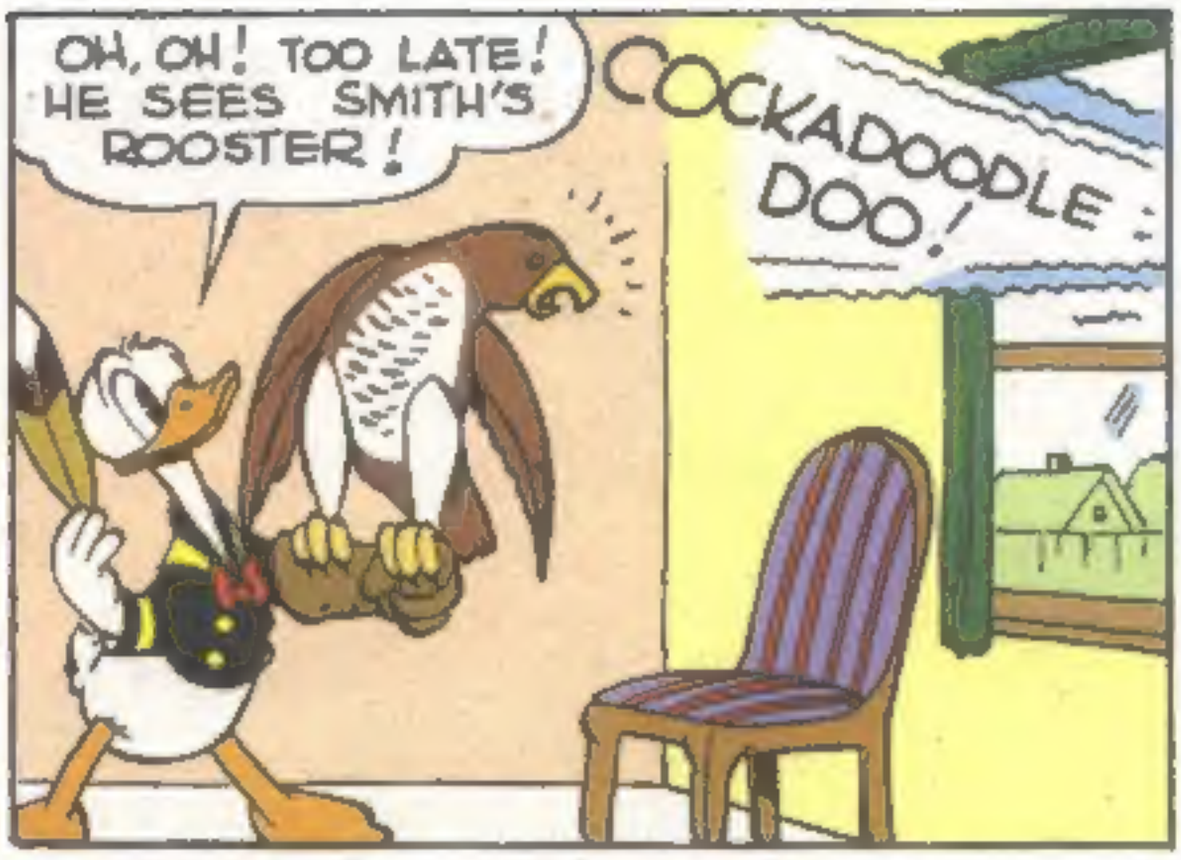
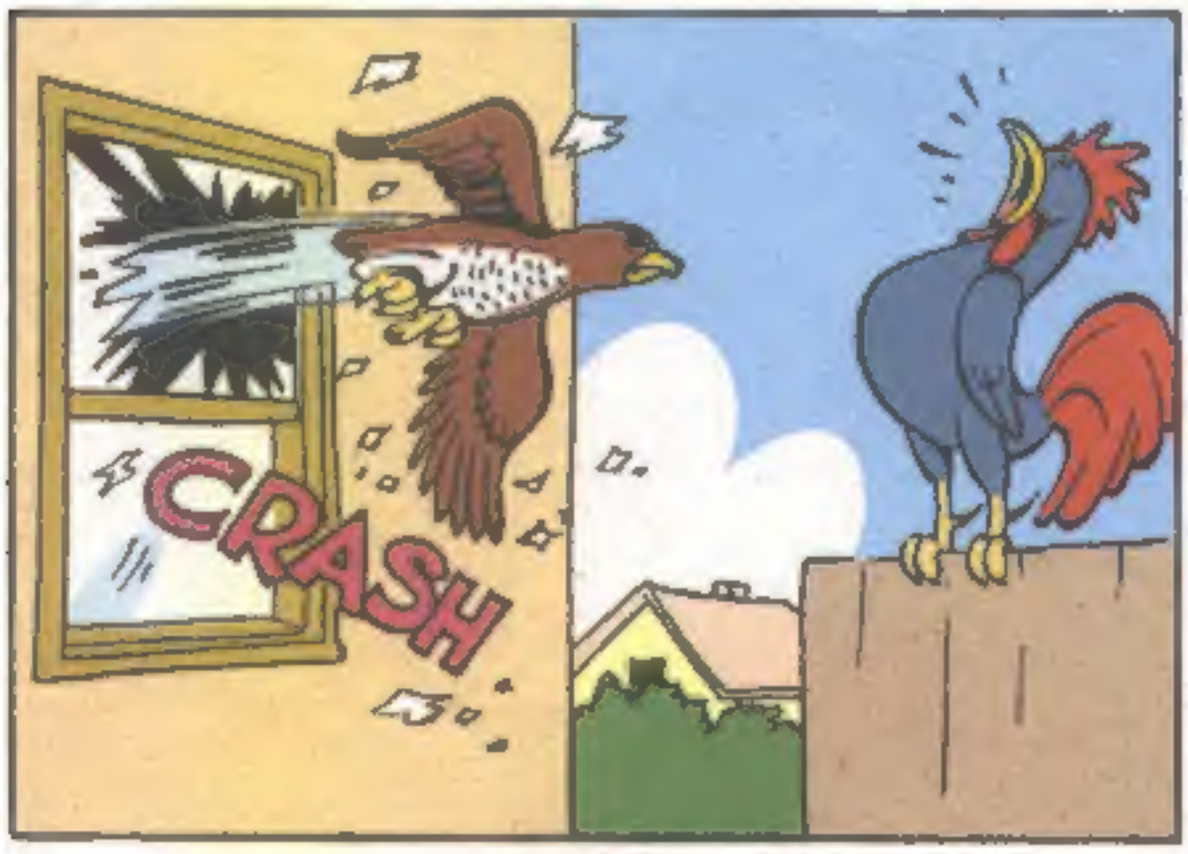
IT SAYS ON THE CARD
TO STROKE HIM WITH A FEATHER!
I'LL STROKE HIM WITH AN AX!


OH, OH! TOO LATE! HE SEES SMITH'S ROOSTER!
COCKADOODLE DOO!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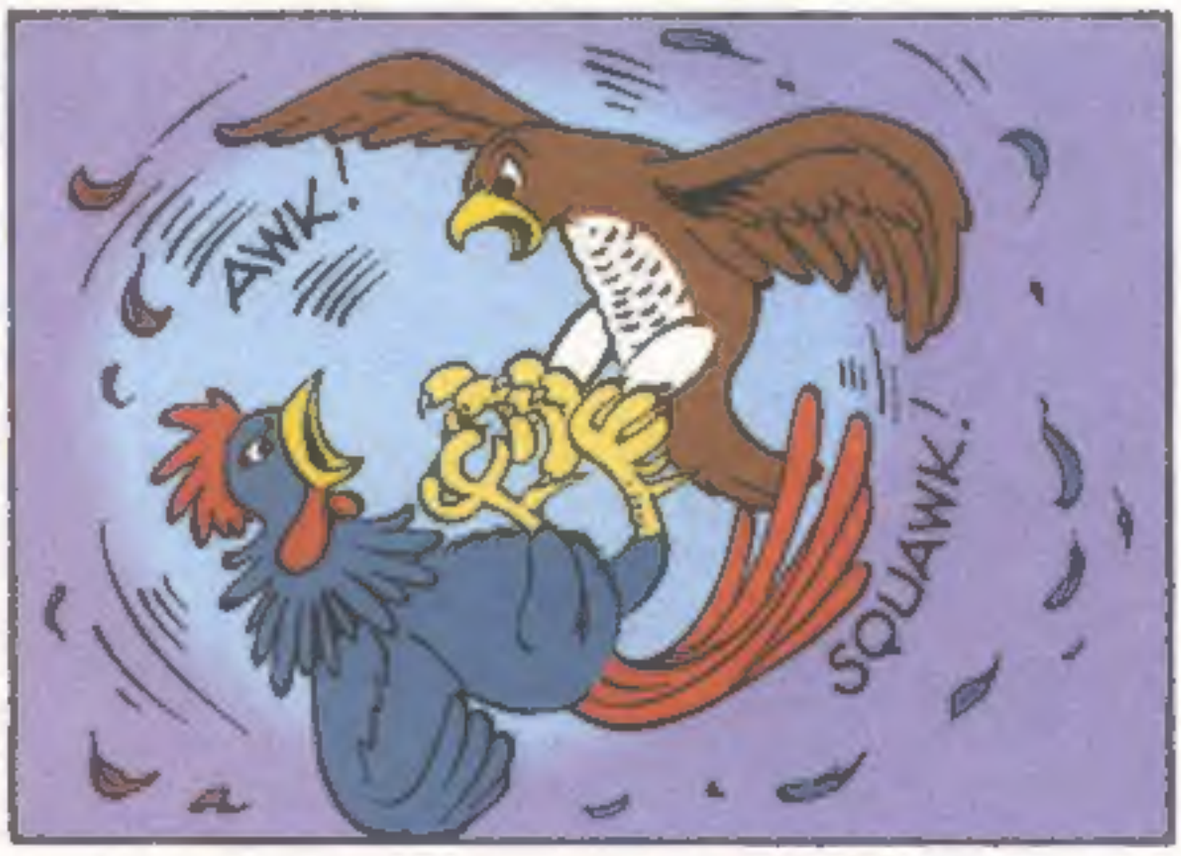
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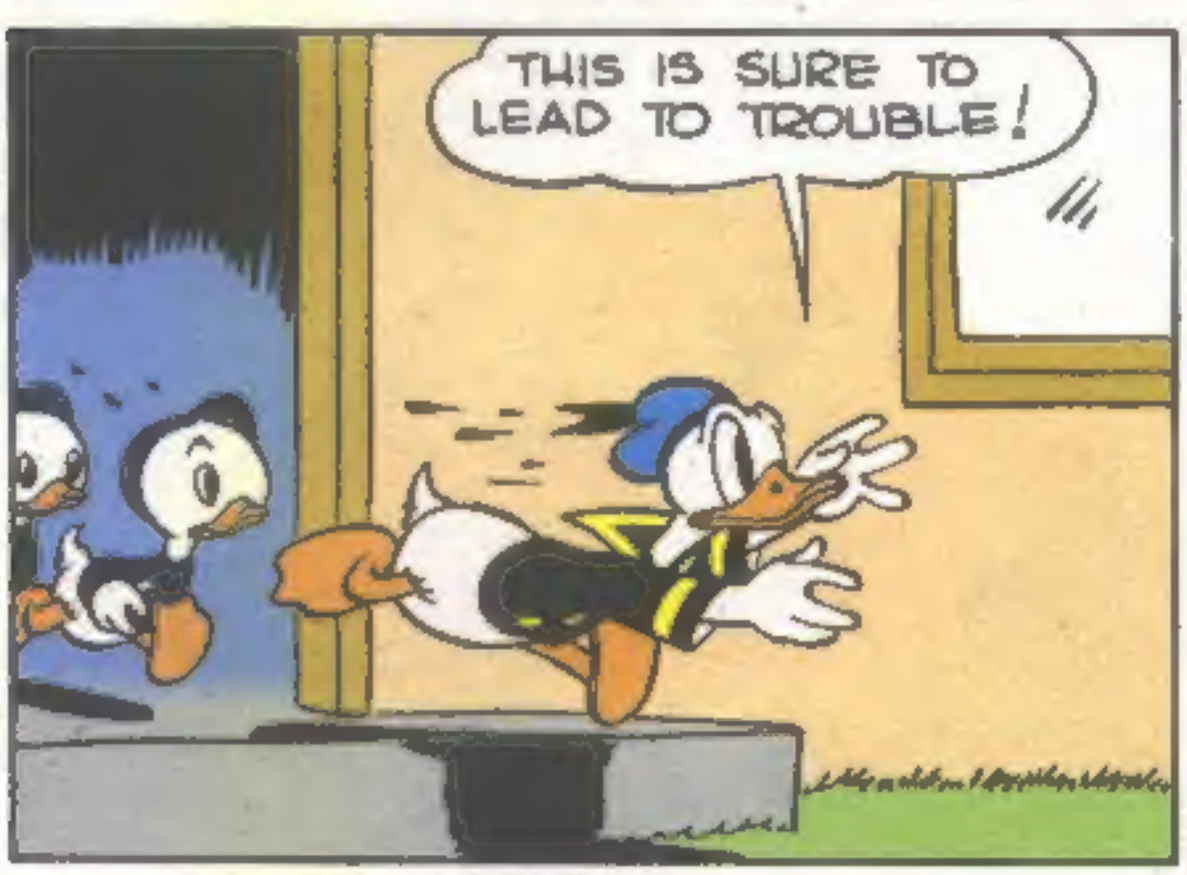
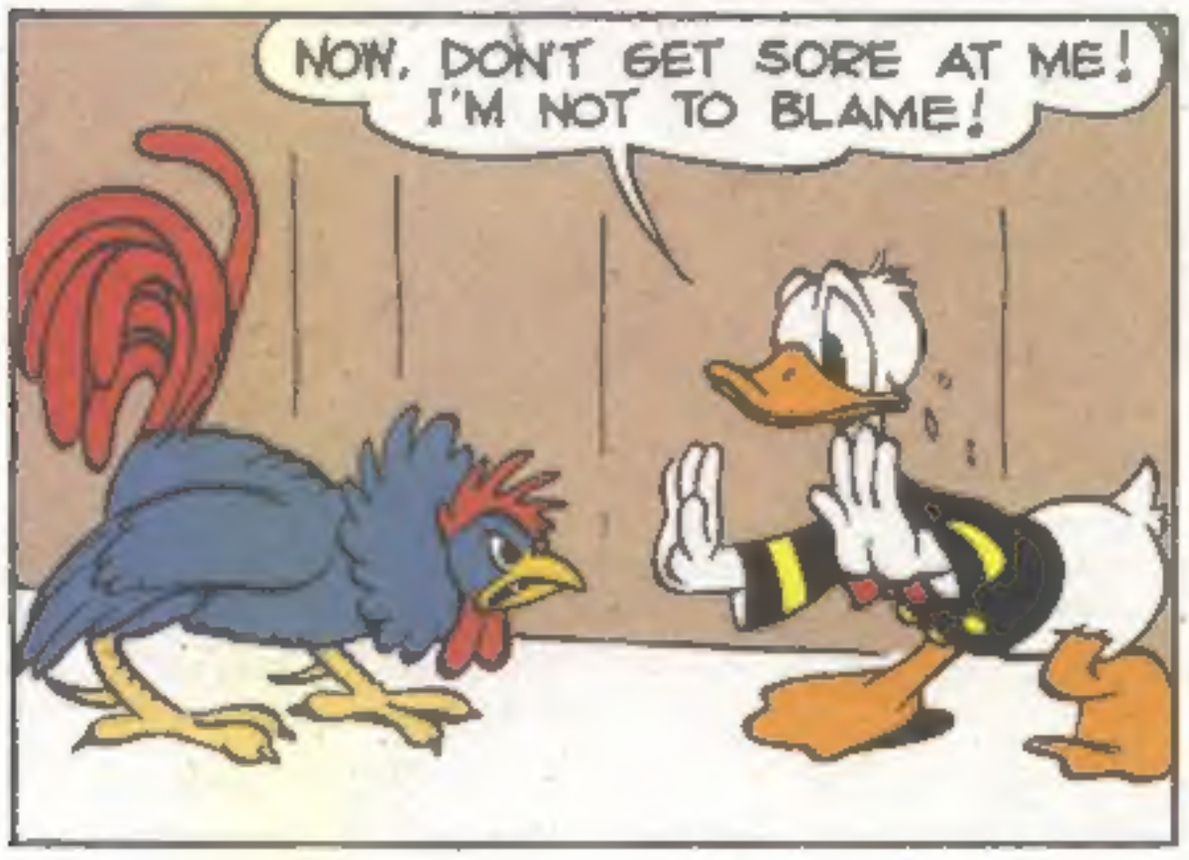
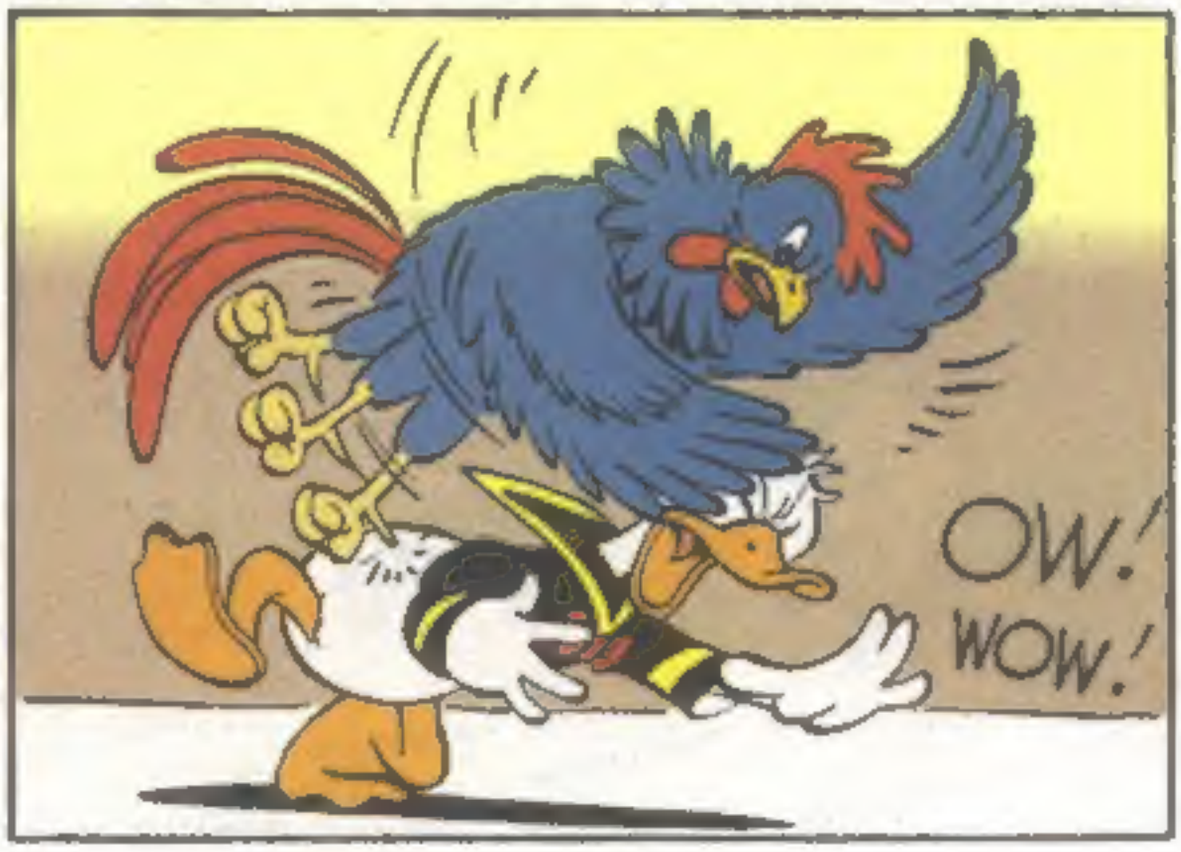
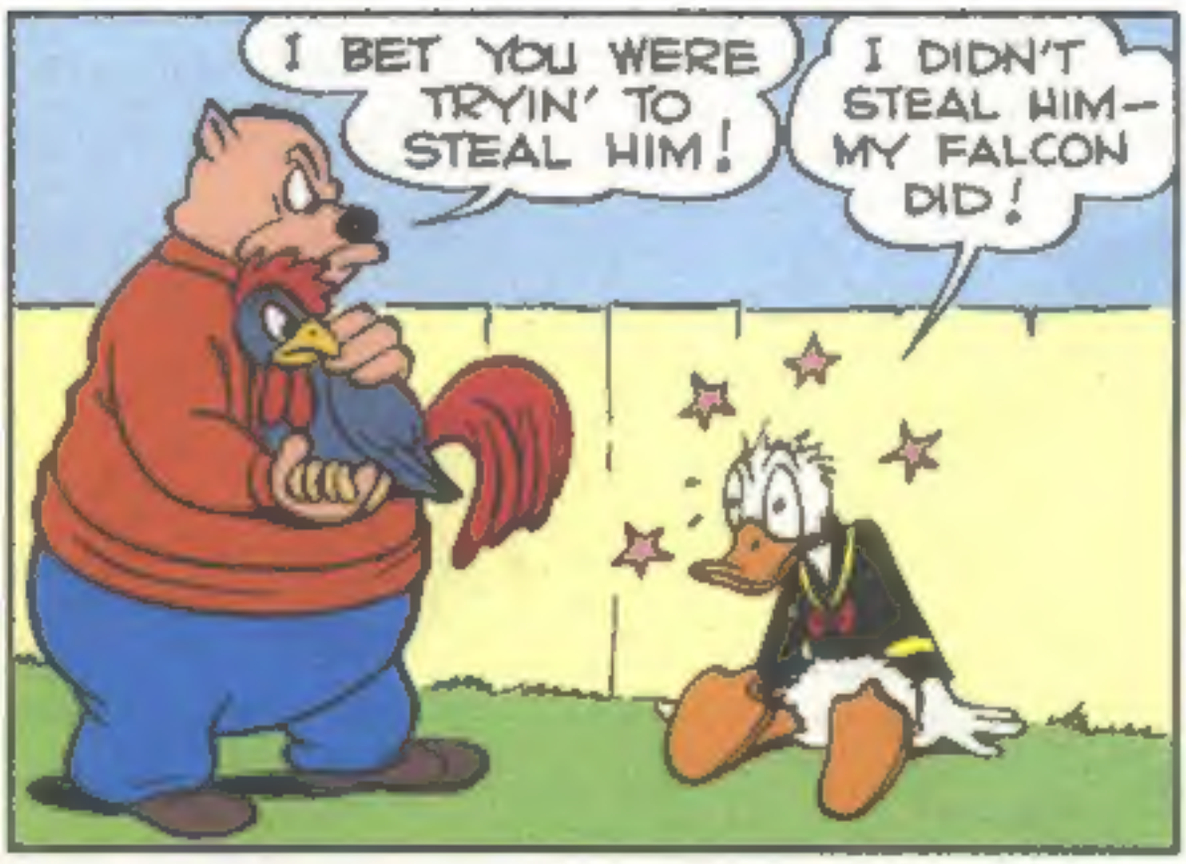

THIS IS SURE TO LEAD TO TROUBLE!

HEY! TAKE HIM BACK! I DON'T WANT HIM!


NOW, DON'T GET SORE AT ME! I'M NOT TO BLAME!

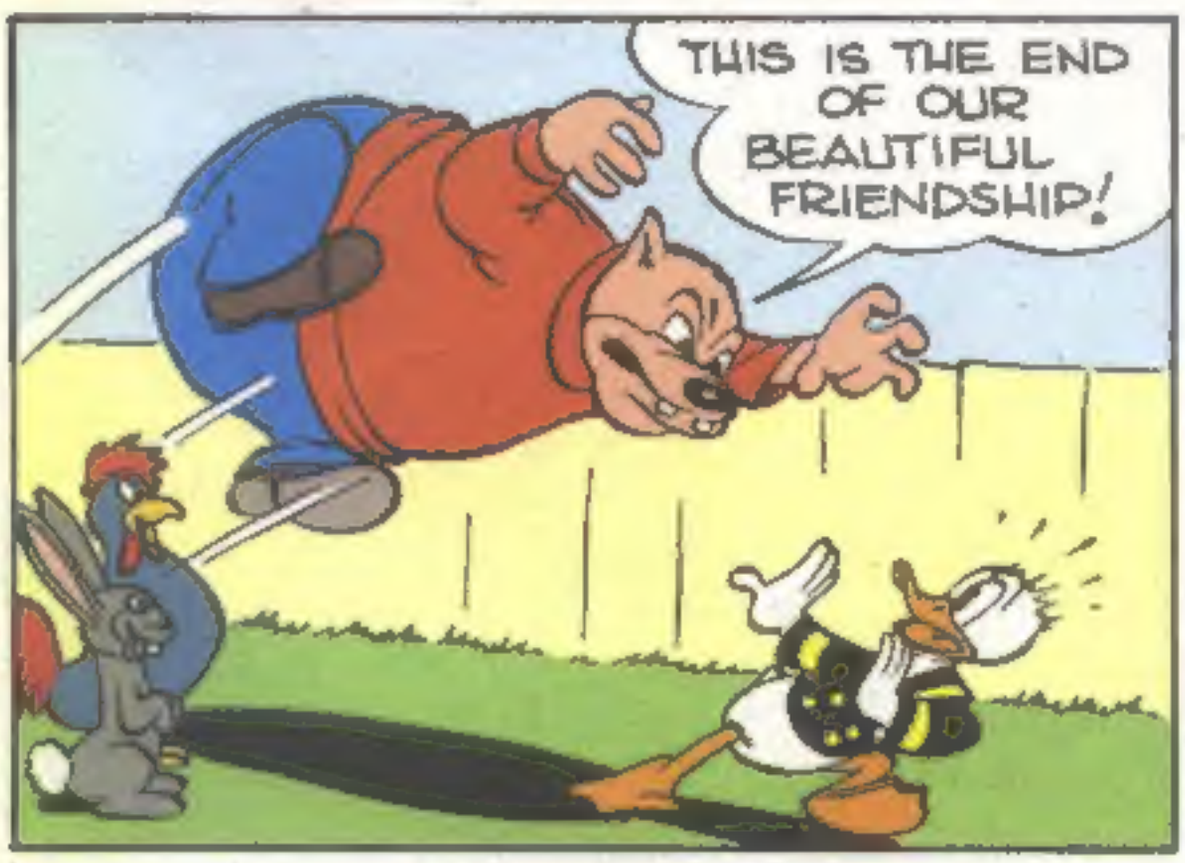

OW! WOW!

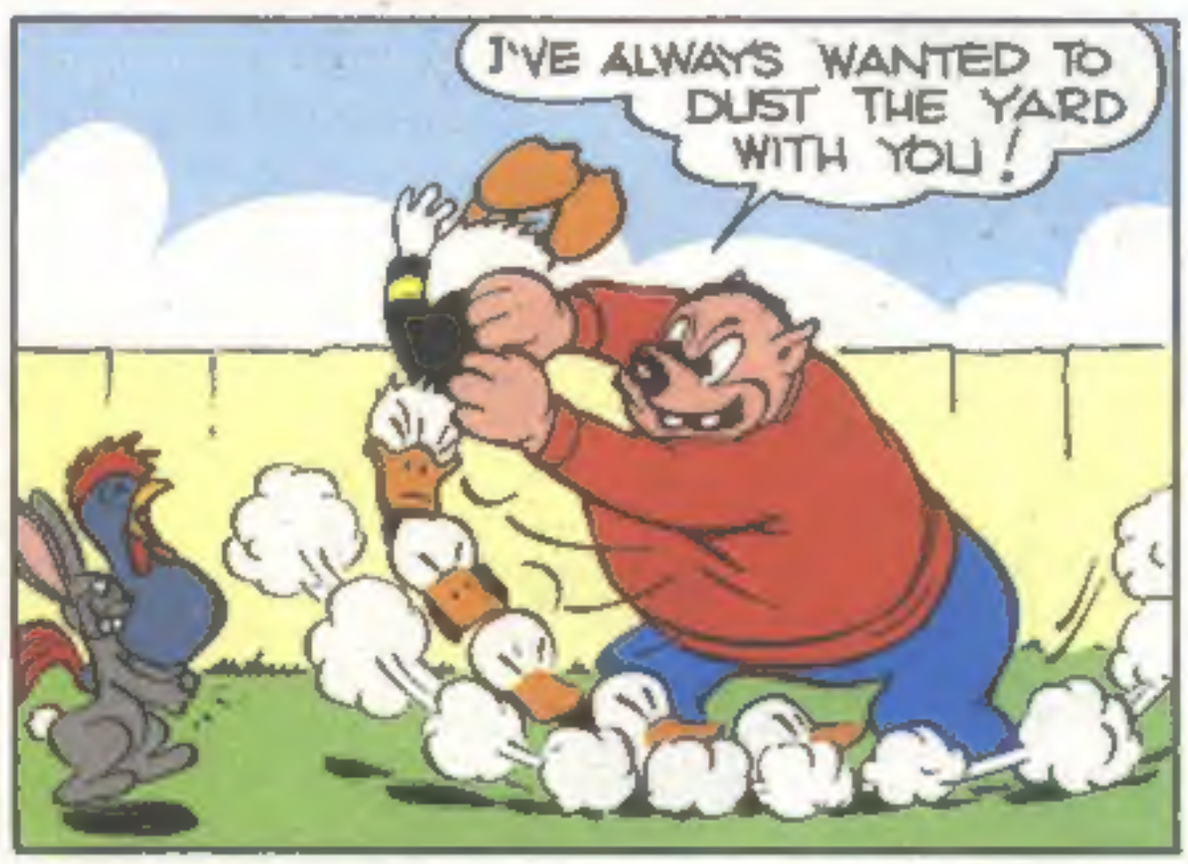
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF ABUSIN' MY ROOSTER?

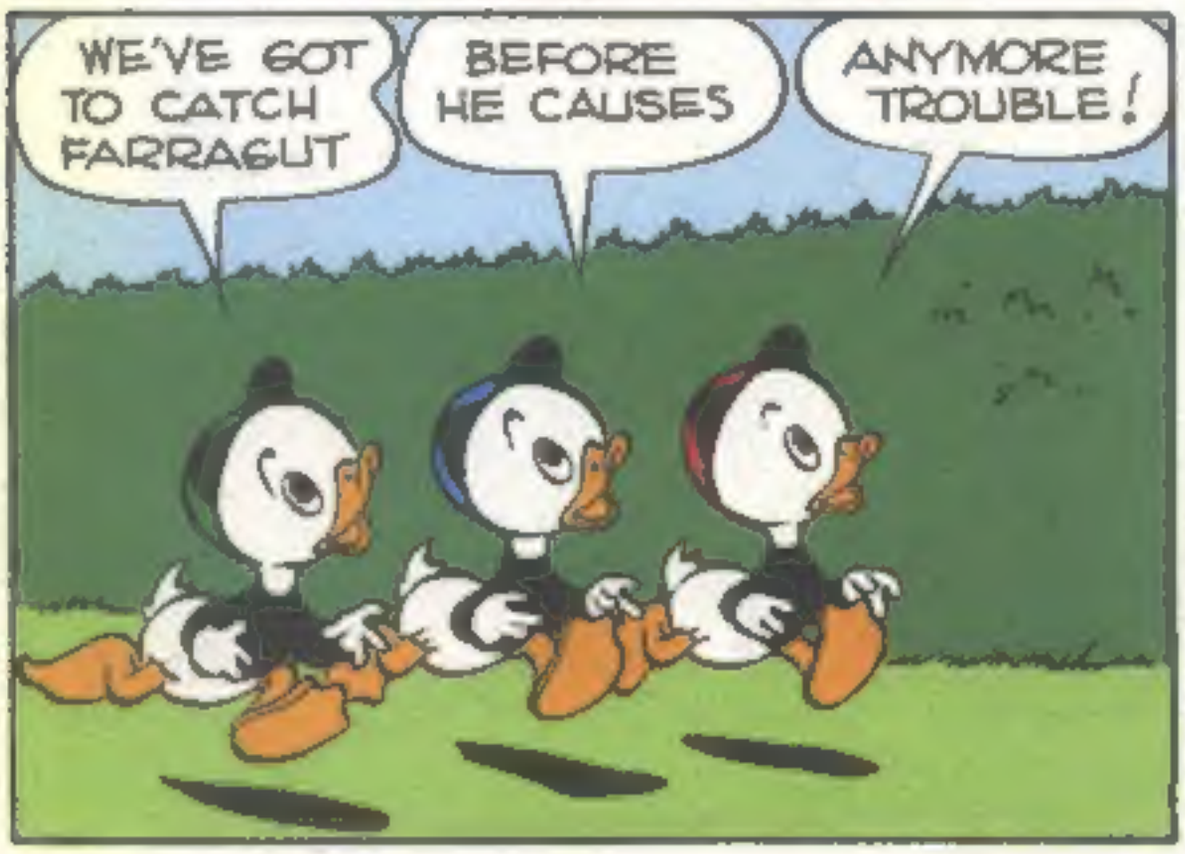

I BET YOU WERE TRYIN' TO STEAL HIM!
I DIDN'T STEAL HIM— MY FALCON DID!

SO YOU'VE GOT A FALCON, EH? GET THIS, DUCKIE — IF THAT FALCON TAKES ONE OF MY PRIZE RABBITS —

THUD


THIS IS THE END OF OUR BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DUST THE YARD WITH YOU!


WE'VE GOT TO CATCH FARRAGUT
BEFORE HE CAUSES
ANYMORE TROUBLE!

OH! OH!
HERE'S TROUBLE
ALREADY!

EEK

NOW WHAT ?

WHICH ONE OF YOU GENTLEMEN OWNS THAT BRAZEN BUZZARD ?

THAT GENTLEMAN!

YOU OWE ME FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE HAT AND TEN DOLLARS FOR MY HUMILIATION!

I'LL PAY!

I'LL PAY!

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

NOW FARRAGUT'S HEADED FOR THE RIVER!

GOSH KNOWS WHAT HE'LL FIND THERE!

HEY, UNCA DONALD!

WE NEED SOME MEAT

TO LURE FARRAGUT HOME!

PUT SOME POISON ON IT!

I'M GONNA FIND A CHAIR AND SIT DOWN!

DONALD SITS DOWN JUST AS FARRAGUT ARRIVES WITH HIS FIRST LOAD!

AWK!

GREAT SCOTT! A PORCUPINE!

LUCKY I DIDN'T SIT DOWN HARD!

CRACK

HURRY UP AND CATCH THAT FEEBLE-MINDED FALCON! I WANTA GRIND HIM INTO LITTLE PIECES!

HE WON'T COME TO THE LURE, UNCA' DONALD!

NEVER MIND! I'LL GET HIM!, I KNOW EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK!

THIS MASQUERADE COSTUME WILL MAKE HIM THINK I'M A RABBIT—AND WHEN HE DIVES—

SQUEEK! SQUEEK! SQUEEK! HOW DOES A RABBIT SOUND?

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

?

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

ZOW

WHAM

I'VE GOT HIM!

NO, I HAVEN'T!

OW!

HERE, UNCA' DONALD! STROKE HIM WITH THIS FEATHER!

I'LL BE DOGGONED! HE BECOMES AS DOCILE AS A KITTEN!

MAYBE I WON'T STEW HIM AFTER ALL! NOW THAT HE'S UNDER CONTROL HE'LL MAKE ME LOTS OF MONEY!

THERE WAS AN ITEM IN THE PAPER
ABOUT A FALCON CONTEST
AT SOUTHSIDE PARK TODAY!
SWELL! WE'LL GO OUT THERE AND WIN THE PRIZE MONEY!

AT SOUTHSIDE PARK
THERE'S A FALCON DIVING NOW!

SO YOU WISH TO NOMINATE YOUR FALCON? HE'LL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEIZE A QUAIL AT SIXTY FEET A SECOND!
THAT'S KID STUFF TO FARRAGUT!
SECRETARY

STAND IN LINE THERE! YOU'LL BE CALLED WHEN YOUR BIRD'S TURN COMES!
YESSIR!
RETARY

AREN'T YOU NERVOUS, UNCA' DONALD?
SHUCKS, NO! FARRAGUT CAN OUTFLY ANY OF THESE GLORIFIED CROWS!

DONALD DUCK'S FALCON WILL BE NEXT TO FLY AT THE QUARRY! MR. DUCK, STEP FORTH!

RELEASE YOUR BIRD!
STARTING LINE

WHEN THE FALCON REACHES THE PROPER HEIGHT, RELEASE THE QUAIL!

THE FALCON HAS SPIED THE QUARRY!

NOW HE'S IN FULL DIVE!

HOORAY!

BRAVO!

ALL SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL, BUT NEARBY A CALAMITY IS GOING SOMEWHERE TO HAPPEN!

CHEE! LOOKIT DAT MODEL GO! I BET IT CAN OUTFLY DEM FALCONS ANYTIME!

BZZZ

GLEEP!

BZZZ

MR. DUCK, YOUR BIRD HAS SWERVED FROM HIS DIVE!

YES - DOGGONE HIS HIDE!

WATCH HIM! HE'S GOING TO "HEEL" THE PLANE!

YAWK!

BZAZZZ!

BZZZ

HE HAS SEIZED IT!

HE IS BRINGING IT IN!

HEY! TURN THAT MURDEROUS THING AROUND!

BZZ

QWOOOO

BZZAZZZ

SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT FARRAGUT ISN'T GOING TO WIN THE PRIZE!

MR. DUCK, TAKE THIS EMPTY-HEADED EAGLE AND BEGONE! YOU'RE EXPELLED FROM THE MEETING!

LATER

UNCA' DONALD, IT SURE TOOK A SMART DUCK LIKE YOU

TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO

WITH FARRAGUT!

YOU SAID IT! UNTIL I GET MAD I DON'T KNOW MY OWN BRAINS!

FASTER FARRAGUT!

Walt Disney's GOOFY in Monkey See Monkey-Do

GOLLY-GOSH AN' HIP-HIP HOORAY! MUH *SPECIAL DELIVERY* IS *HERE!*

FRYING FISH-STICKS, GOOFY, I'VE *NEVER* SEEN YOU SO EXCITED! WHAT'S IN THE BOX— *FOOD?*

D 99 5

NOPE, SMARTY PANTS! SOMETHING EVEN *BETTER!*

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU *LIKED* ANYTHING BETTER THAN FOOD!

SEE? *OCEAN-MONKEYS*, MICK! PETS I HATCH FROM EGGS IN A FISHBOWL—PETS AS *INTELLIGENT* AS HECK!

GROW AMAZING Ocean-Monkeys YOURSELF!

They play tricks! They dance! You'll never tire of your NEW LITTLE FRIENDS!

GOOF, YOU'VE BEEN *DUPED!* THOSE EGGS ARE JUST *BRINE SHRIMP!* JUST LITTLE *WORMS* THAT *WIGGLE* IN WATER, THAT'S ALL!

YER *JADED*, PAL! THERE'S NO *WAY* THUH AD WOULD CLAIM WHUT IT DOES IF IT WEREN'T *TRUE!*

YOU'LL SEE! CATCH YOU LATER!

LESSEE! ALL I DO IS ADD THIS PACKET TA *WATER*, THEN "WAIT EIGHT TA TWELVE HOURS FER THUH MAGICAL PROCESS OF *BIRTH* TA OCCUR"!

YAY OCEAN-MONKEYS! I WONDER IF I KIN ⁂YAWN!⁂ TEACH 'EM TA *TALK* AN' *FETCH MUH SLIPPERS!*

EASY WITH OUR *STOLEN SHRINK RAY*, GUYS!

IT'S *UNLATCHED!* WE'RE IN *LUCK!*

HURRY!

IT WAS A *GREAT* IDEA— ESCAPING THE *MINI MANUFACTURING CO. DEVELOPMENT CENTER* BY USING THE RAY ON *OURSELVES!*

WE'LL HIDE IT *HERE* UNTIL THE *HEAT* FROM THE ROBBERY BOILS DOWN!

AT OLR SIZE, WE CAN HIDE *OURSELVES ANYWHERE* N TH'S HOUSE!

HEY! *LOOK OUT—*

SPLAT!

SAY! WHAT'S WITH ALL THUH *RACKET* DOWN HERE?

RUN! IT'S A GIANT!

NO—A NORMAL GUY! WE'RE JUST SMALL!

BUT RUN ANYWAY!

GAWRSH! MUH OCEAN-MONKEYS HATCHED EARLY, AN' THEY LOOK EVEN INTELLIGENTER THAN I IMAGINED!

BOY, WAS MICKEY WRONG!

EASY, PAL, GOOFY! FELLAS! I'M YER NEW BIG I JUST WANNA MAKE SURE YER ALL SAFE AN' SOUND!

HE'S GOT ME! SOMEONE HELP!

IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!

I THINK THA'S ALL O' YUH! TIME TA CHECK THUH DIRECTIONS AN' SEE WHUT TA DO NEXT!

BUT THEN AGAIN—

HM! SAYS HERE THEY GOTTA BE N WATER TA BREATHE! MAYBE I GOT THUH DELUXE VERSION?

OKAY, SO MAYBE IT WASN'T A GOOD IDEA TO SHRINK OURSELVES!

THIS GOOFBALL THINKS WE'RE OCEAN-MONKEYS!

MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF HIM!

HEY! HEY, PAL! YOU DON'T NEED THOSE DIRECTIONS NO MORE!

I DON'T!

NAH! US OCEAN-MONKEYS WILL TELL YOU — OURSELVES — EXACTLY HOW WE WANT TO BE TREATED!

GAWRSH! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! WE'RE GONNA HAVE SO MUCH FUN!

SO WHEN'S DINNER?

HERE YUH GO, LITTLE BUDDIES! FILET MIGNON, JUST LIKE YUH ASKED FER!

THEY'RE SO CUTE!

CHOMP, CHOMP, SMACK!

I THINK I'LL CALL YOU — DIXIE!

HEY! I ALREADY GOT A NAME, AND IT'S MAC!

SAY WHAT?

YEAH! WE OCEAN-MONKEYS ARE SO SMART, WE NAME OURSELVES!

BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE WOULD LIKE'

A FURNISHED DOLLHOUSE, SOME LITTLE CARS, MORE FOOD, AND A FEW ITEMS WE'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF JOTTING DOWN'

As the days roll by—

I thought we'd stay until the *heat* was down on the *heist*, but things are so *good*—why *leave*?

This is the life! Me, a pretty *blonde* and the *open living room road!*

Ever since you popped outta that magic package, I been *waitin'* on yuh *hand* an' *foot!*

So?

So what do *I* get outta this—*owner-wise?* Thuh ad says you'll do *tricks!* for me!

I wanna see some *tricks!* *Pronto!*

Ocean Monkeys

Sure!
I'll do
a
trick!

What's *that?*

Where?

Ow!

Thwack!

Hahaha hahahahaaa!

That's *it!* I'm goin' *out* fer a *walk!*

Downtown—

Uh, oh!

Accustom Monitor

Police Hunt for Stolen Shrink-Ray

Five Men Wanted in Heist

I COULD GIVE THEM *FAKE* OCEAN-MONKEYS THUH *WHUT FOR* RIGHT NOW! BUT IT'S BETTER TA KEEP 'EM *OFF-GUARD* TILL I FIND THAT *SHRINK-RAY!*

HERE'S SOME TREATS FOR YUH, FELLAS! SORRY I BLEW MUH STACK!

THAT'S OKAY, GOOFY!

WE'RE YOUR *PETS!* WE UNDERSTAND!

THIS GADGET GOT A *REVERSE* SWITCH TO *ENLARGE* STUFF? YEP!

HAVE THUH *REAL* OCEAN-MONKEYS *HATCHED?* YEP! SO *THAT'S* WHUT THEY LOOK LIKE!

HEY, GOOF, WE GOT A FEW MORE *REQUESTS* FOR YA!

YEAH! WE WANT A DOLL-HOUSE FOR *EACH* OF US—

HEY, BOYS! I WANT YUH TA MEET MUH *REAL* PETS!

AAAAAH!

PLEASE! PLEASE! SAVE US! WE'LL DO ANYTHING!

TURN US IN! GIVE US NEW PET-NAMES! JUST DON'T LET THOSE THINGS EAT US!

ONCE THE POLICE ARRIVE, THE CROOKS ARE RETURNED TO NORMAL —

YOU'RE A HERO, GOOFY! CONGRATULATIONS!

AW, THUH REAL HEROES ARE MUH SUPER-INTELLIGENT OCEAN-MONKEY PETS! THIS ONE'S NAMED PIXIE!

BUT THE NEXT DAY —

GOOFY! THE PAPERS SAY YOU HAD QUITE AN ADVENTURE! WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THRILLED!

EVEN YOUR OCEAN MONKEYS PROVED USEFUL!

THAT'S JUST IT, MICK! IT'S THOSE DARN OCEAN-MONKEYS!

NOW THAT I'VE SEEN 'EM AS THE R FISHY SELVES, DOIN' NOTHIN' ALL DAY, I HAFTA ADMIT THAT AD TOOK ME IN!

WELL, AT LEAST YOU OUTSMARTED THE CROOKS! YOU WEREN'T FOOLED AS MUCH AS YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

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THE CARELESS GENIE

GREAT! UNCA DONALD HAS BECOME A GENIE! NOW ALL OUR WISHES WILL COME TRUE!

SORRY, BOYS! I'M SAVIN' ALL MY WISHES FOR ME!

WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME IS GOING ON HERE?

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WELL, IT ALL STARTED EARLIER THAT SAME DAY...

SIGH! DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD TO HELP OTHERS, DONALD?

JR. WOODCHUCKS' FOOD FUND!

DUCKBURG MART

DONALD!

OBOY! DONUTS! GIMME!

DONUT SAMPLES

DONALD DUCK! YOU ARE THE MOST SELFISH DUCK I'VE EVER MET!

GLORP?

HMPH!

GULP!

I'VE HAD IT! YOU NEVER THINK OF ANYTHING BUT YOURSELF!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I OFTEN THINK OF DONUTS!

DAISY! WAIT! I...

FREE SODA

OBOY! LAST ONE! OUTTA MY WAY, SISTER!

HEY!

SELFISH LOUT!

BETTER THAN A *THIRSTY* LOUT! HA!

HEY! THIS BOTTLE'S SO DUSTY I CAN HARDLY READ THE LABEL!

"MAGIC WISH COLA"? WHAT KIND OF SILLY NAME IS THAT?

RUB! RUB!

YOW!

POOF!

DUDE! LOWER TH' VOLUME! I JUST WOKE UP! YAWN!

WHAT ARE YOU? TH' COLA-BOTTLE GENIE?

YUP! SPLD'S TH' NAME.

DUDE, THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY! ANYONE WHO POPS A BOTTLE OF MAGIC WISH COLA GETS ONE WISH! FREE!

A WISH? PHOOEY! I WANTED SODA!

BESIDES, ALADDIN GOT THREE WISHES! GIMME THREE!

NO WAY, DUDE!

TOO MUCH HASSLE! ONE'S MY LIMIT!

ONE, HUH? OK, WISEGUY! NOW LISTEN...

I WISH I HAD A *MILLION* WISHES!

ULP! DUDE! YOU CAN'T!

I TOLD YOU TH' RULES! NO WISHING FOR MORE WISHES! IT'S THE FIRST THING THEY TAUGHT US IN GENIE U!

WELL, Y'MUSTA SLEPT THROUGH CLASSES, GENIUS! YOU FORGOT TO TELL *ME!* NOW YOU'RE STUCK!

ULP!

GROAN! I AM SOOOO BUSTED! PROFESSOR KAZAM'LL FLUNK ME!

LEMME GUESS! HE'S TH' MOPE GIVING AWAY TH' SODA?

YEAH! HE'S MY TEACHER AT GENIE U!

HE STUCK YOU IN THE BOTTLE?

YEAH! ONLY GRADUATE GENIES GET REAL MAGIC LAMPS! IT'S STICKY BOTTLES FOR THE REST OF US!

I CAN'T GRADUATE 'TIL I MAKE SOME WISHES COME TRUE WITHOUT MESSING UP!

DUCKBURG MART

THIS IS MY FOURTH TRY!

FASCINATIN'! YAWN! NOW FOR MY FIRST WISH!

I WISH I HAD A FANCY SPORTS CAR! A *FAST* ONE!

OBOY! THAT'S THE FIRST WISH! 999,999 TO GO!

ZAP!

GROAN!

HEY! IT'S LOCKED! AND THE KEYS ARE INSIDE!

RATTLE!

SPUD! GIMME THOSE KEYS!

POP!

YO!

SMASH!

MY CAR!

IDIOT! MY CAR'S RUINED! WHY DIDN'T YOU FLOAT THE KEYS OUT INSTEAD OF BREAKING TH' WINDOW?

GULP!

DUDE, YOU ARE A GENIUS! I NEVER THINK OF STUFF LIKE THAT! I'M LIKE, ALWAYS MESSING UP! >GH!

OK, FORGET IT! JUST GET ME A NEW WINDSHIELD!

WILL DO, MASTER!

SOON...

VROOOMM!

YOO-HOO! DAISY!

GASP!

CHECK OUT MY NEW CAR! GREAT POWER! TERRIFIC BRAKES!

HEY! MY WINDSHIELD!

EEEKK!

CRASH!

IT ISN'T MY FAULT! MY *GENIE* DID THIS!

YEAH, RIGHT!

IT'S TRUE! I FORGOT TO GLUE THE WINDOW!

EH?

I'M, LIKE, ALWAYS MESSING UP!

SEE? SPUD'S MY OWN PRIVATE GENIE! I WISH, AND HE GIVES ME STUFF! COOL, HUH?

HMPH! GENIE OR NOT, YOU'RE STILL SELFISH! AND YOU CAN'T WISH *THAT* AWAY!

OH YEAH?! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW UNSELFISH I *REALLY* AM! C'MON SPUD!

SIGH! COULDN'T WE JUST TAKE IN A MOVIE?

SPUD! I WISH EVERYONE IN DUCKBURG HAD A FANCY CAR LIKE MINE!

AND *THIS* TIME GLUE TH' WINDSHIELDS!!

GULP! RIGHT!

AND SO...

WOW! THANKS!

DON'T THANK ME, DUDE! THANK MY MASTER, DONALD DUCK!

ZAP!

WHAT A PAL YOU ARE, DONALD!

A PRINCE!

PSHAW! JUST MY USUAL UNSELFISH SELF!

HEH! THAT'LL SHOW DAISY! BESIDES I CAN AFFORD TO WASTE A FEW WISHES! I'VE GOT A MILLION!

MY! THAT WAS VERY GENEROUS, DONALD!

YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET, DAISY!

SPUD! DUCKBURG'S TOO DRAB! TURN ALL THESE HOUSES INTO OAK MANSIONS!

GROAN! THAT'S A LOT OF WORK, MAN!

STOP BEING SO SELFISH, YOU SLACKER! I'M TH' ONE DOIN' ALL TH' HARD WISHING!

SIGH! YES, MASTER-DUDE!

ZAP!

GASP! MY HOVEL'S HEAVENLY!

WOW! MY DUMP'S A DREAM!

AMAZING!

HA! THAT'S NOTHIN', DAISY!

SPUD! I'M TIRED OF DULL ASPHALT!

I WISH THE STREETS WERE SOLID GOLD!

OH MY! MANSIONS! FANCY CARS! GOLD ROADS! DUCKBURG'S BEAUTIFUL!

NO EFFORT TOO GREAT, I SAY!

GROAN! I'M BEAT, DUDE!

WHAT'RE YOU GRIPIN' ABOUT? I'M DOIN' ALL TH' HEAVY WISHING!

AND SO...

HOORAY FOR DONALD!!

BOY! THIS UN-SELFISHNESS STUFF IS REALLY PAYING OFF!

I HEREBY DECLARE THIS DONALD DUCK DAY!

WHEW! BEIN' WORSHIPPED IS WARM WORK! I WISH I HAD A NICE COOL BREEZE!

SIGH! YOU'RE THE MASTER!

SNAP!

WHOOOOOOSH!!!

SPUD!!!

CRAAASSSSH!

MY DREAM HOUSE! SOB!

MY BEAUTIFUL MANSION! WAIL!

NO NAILS!? WHAT KIND OF IDIOT BUILDS HOUSES WITHOUT NAILS?

DUDE! I'M A GENIE! NOT A CARPENTER!

OH, GREAT! NOW WHAT?

EEEK! THESE GOLD ROADS ARE TOO SLIPPERY!

MY CAR!

METAL ROADS! NAIL-LESS BUILDINGS! DUCKBURG IS RUINED!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, DUCK!

DON'T WORRY! MY GENIE'LL FIX IT IN NO TIME!

SPUD! I WISH...

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'LL JUST MESS UP AGAIN! I'VE GOT A *BETTER* IDEA!

DUDE?

GRANDMA ALWAYS SAYS "IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE RIGHT, DO IT YOURSELF!"

SO, I WISH *I* WERE THE GENIE!

YOU HEARD ME! SWITCH PLACES, SPUD! THAT'S AN ORDER!

SIGH! WHATEVER!

ZAP!

HA! NOW WE'RE TALKIN'! AND DON'T WORRY, EVERYONE! A FEW WISHES'LL FIX EVERYTHING!

POOF!

BUT FIRST I'M GONNA WISH FOR SOME STUFF FOR ME! LIKE A 1000-CHANNEL TV! AND A ..

SORRY, DUDE! I'M TH' MASTER NOW! AND YOU OWE ME A WISH!

SURE! BUT JUST ONE! I M NOT DUMB ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU MORE!

OKAY! HERE WE GO!

I WISH I'D NEVER MET YOU!

GROAN! OUTSMARTED BY A STUPID GENIE!

WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE THIS?!

1 HOUR

4 HOURS

AND SO...

PHOOEY! SPUD MADE ME TURN BACK TIME! I'M RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED! SHOPPING WITH DAISY! GENIE-LESS!

DUCKBURG MART

BUT WAIT A MINUTE! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GRAB THAT BOTTLE AGAIN!

FREE SODA

DONALD!

OUTTA MY WAY, SISTER!

OBOY! GIMME!

GRAB!

NO! GIVE ME!

HUH?

BUMP!

DUCKBURG MART

"MAGIC WISH COLA"? WHAT KIND OF SILLY NAME IS THAT?

RUB! RUB!

POOF!

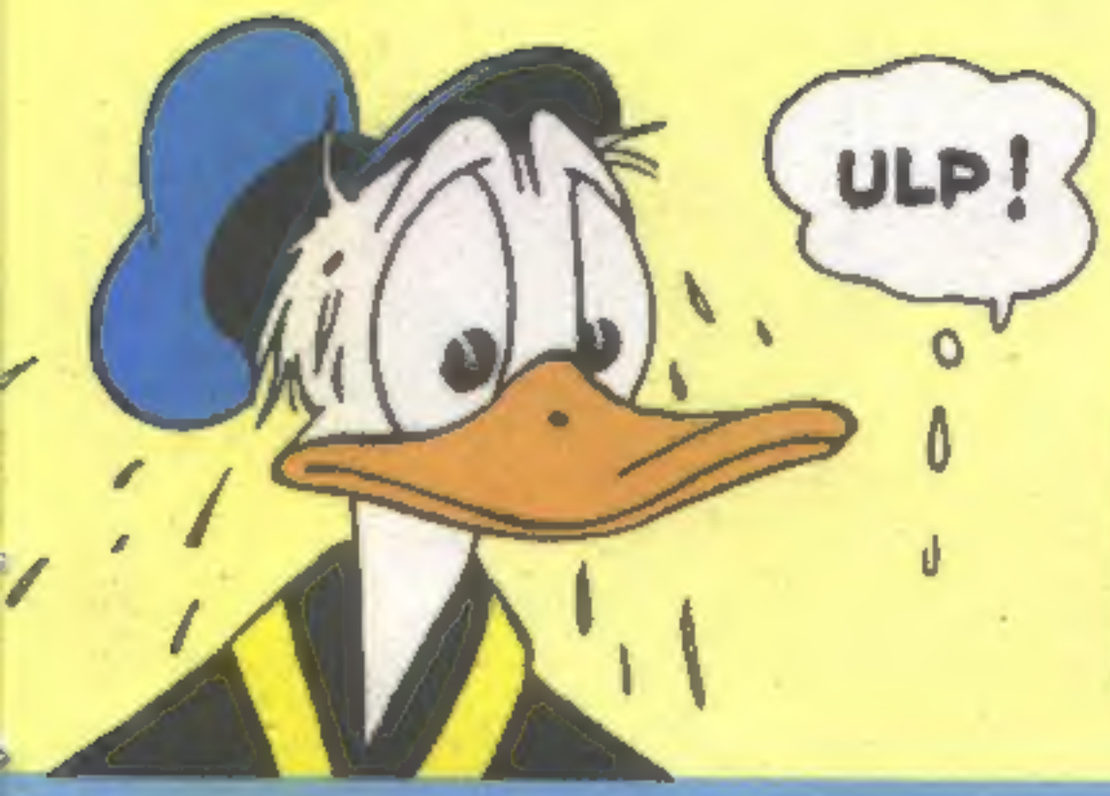
IT SURE BEATS "SPUD", LADY!

EEEK!

HMPH! THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH MODERN LIFE!

PEOPLE ARE JUST TOO DARN *SELFISH!*

THE END



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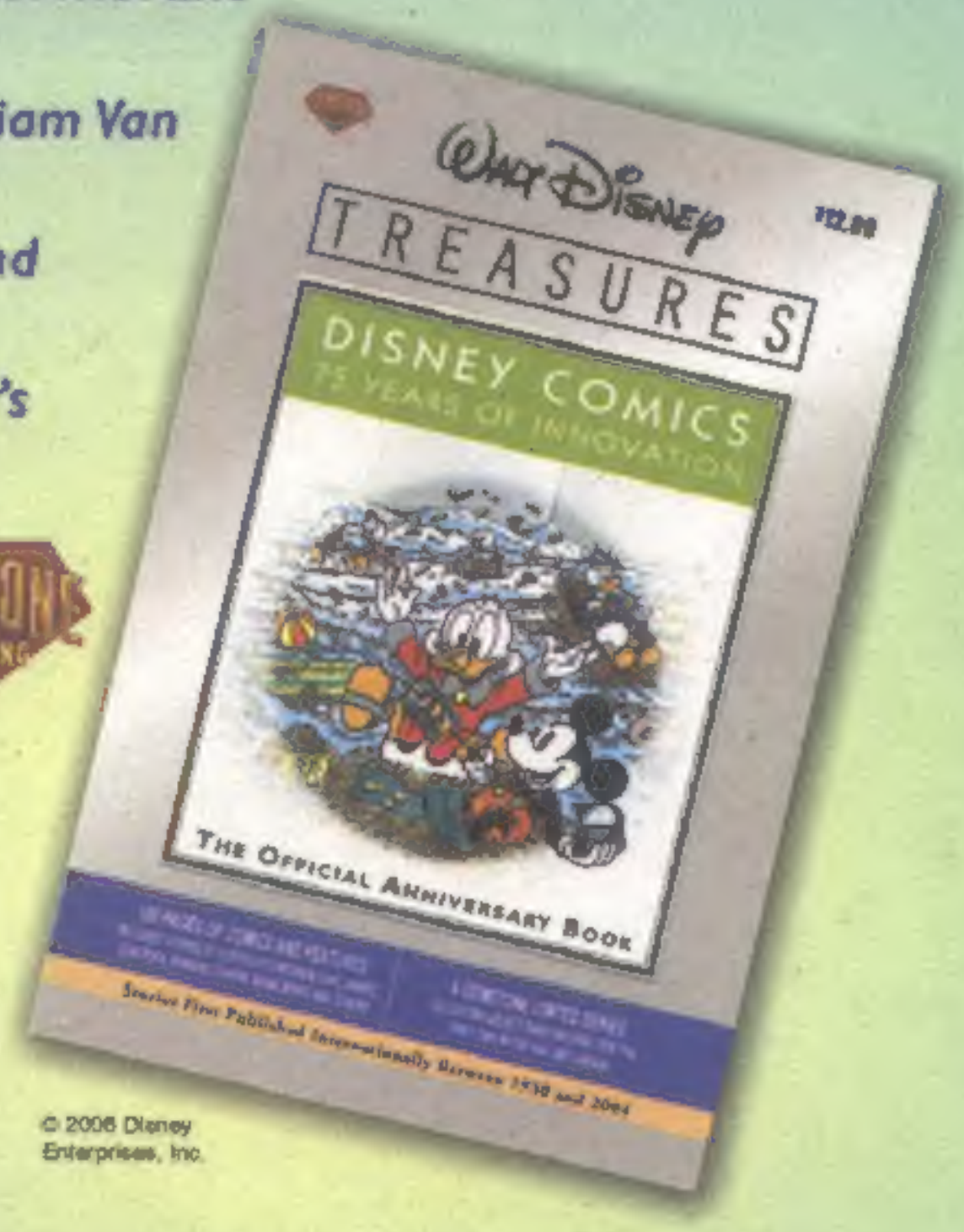

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"I keep and feed all the rodents I catch! They're like trophies of my success!"—Donald Duck, experiencing momenetary "a-trophy" of the brain, from "Master of Mice" in *Donald Duck and Friends* 338.

Now, let's see... (A) There is a big cheese festival in Duckburg. (B) Donald's "Mastery of the Month" is catching mice. (C) We all know that the festival will be overrun with mice before long. As sure as mice like cheese, we get the conclusion we were expecting, but how we get there just doesn't hang together.

Sure, we don't expect Don to kill the mice. Even the Phantom Blot had something of a "cursed soft heart" when it came to that. But to not free them far, far away and, instead, keep them as *trophies?!*

Granted, other comic-book stalwarts have had their share of bizarre trophies and mementos of their adventures. We've scratched our collective heads at the sight of giant pennies, mechanical dinosaurs, and even bottled cities filled with tiny people. But they leave them behind when they set out to do their jobs! That's what caves and fortresses are for!

If he so desired, Don could have maintained a whole mess o' mice and kept them safely in the garage, rather than drag them along to each new job until the inevitable disaster finally struck. Oh, but then we might not have reached "Point C" quite as readily!

—Joe Torcivia
via email

On the subject of Stefan Petrucha, and your reminiscence of the "chanteuse," in the letters page of *DD&F 338*, I wish to offer a small response. First, I don't argue, exactly, that Petrucha is a poor writer. I make my own decisions, but when a great many people hold an opposite opinion, I recognize that they do so for a reason. Ultimately I may not agree with them, even upon reconsideration, but I do at least grant them validity. Therefore, I do not believe Petrucha is a poor writer; only that in what I have read, he is not high in my list of favorites. Second, I am not sure I fully understand your comparison of my view with that of the lady in the union. You write that I might be "having the same problem suspending [my] disbelief for the Goofy story, when [I] had no problem doing the same for the lead Donald story, and was even willing to overlook character development issues in that story." There is a certain inherent understanding the reader must have about Disney stories: the main animals talk. It doesn't matter if they are a duck, a mouse, or a dog (or a moose or a rabbit, either; this separates me from the lady, I think). However, this refers only to the main animals. Pluto does not talk, and neither does Bolivar, nor any of the thousands of outdoor animals Donald's nephews regularly bring home. Barks implicitly touched on this fact in a couple of stories, "The Think Boxes," and "The Gilded Man," (in which the ducks see stuffed ducks that look nothing like they do) This well established distinction is thus incongruent with Goofy's belief that the three dogs were businessmen. I personally (and not passing judgment on those who disagree) believe this illegitimizes the story.

Perhaps what you meant, though, was that I expressed disbelief about the plot development overall—the critical questions I asked in my letter. In comparing my view of the Goofy story with the Donald story, you equate the quality of the two in my mind; but, the qualities are not equal. I was able to overlook some flaws in the Donald because the story on the whole was very good. It should be noted that I did specifically mention the flaws; I did not simply gloss them over in my mind—like the lady would have done. I was unable to overlook the flaws in the Goofy because to my way of thinking, the story on the whole was bad. I noted the flaws there, too, and they were much more numerous and much more damaging to the foundation of the story. If they were fewer or not so integral to the story, I would have accepted them and dismissed them just as I did with the Donald. I then would have enjoyed the story. If you actually meant something that I did not catch, I apologize. I should clarify that: I am not angry or insulted, or anything of that sort. I'm just an avid reader responding in dialogue to a dissenting view.

—Robert Hutchings
via email

*Thanks Robert. In fact, I only meant to say that Goofy's actions in "To the Dogs" (*DD&F *335) were, well, goofy and (to my mind) quite in keeping with his character.*

—John Clark

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